

# UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM

## SHERMAN HEIGHTS - PROJECT BLOCK 8F

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### WELCOME TO THE UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM E-NEWS #16

This is the sixteenth e-news update to inform you of the progress of the Utilities Undergrounding Program in the Sherman Heights/8F Project Block area. Approximately once a month during construction, or when significant events occur, you will receive an e-mail update.

### SPECIAL ADVISORY: EXPANDED PROJECT AREA

In an effort to include as many customers as possible to the Sherman Heights/8F Project Block, an additional project area was recently added. While more customers will be able to enjoy the benefits of undergrounded utilities, the overall schedule has been revised and extended. Please see the updated construction schedule to the right.

### PROJECT BLOCK 8F HIGHLIGHTS

- 2.4 miles of utilities will be undergrounded
- 489 private residences will have their utilities undergrounded
- 40 street lights will be installed
- 62 shade trees will be installed
- 139 curb ramps will be installed
- Streets will be resurfaced or slurry sealed curb-to-curb

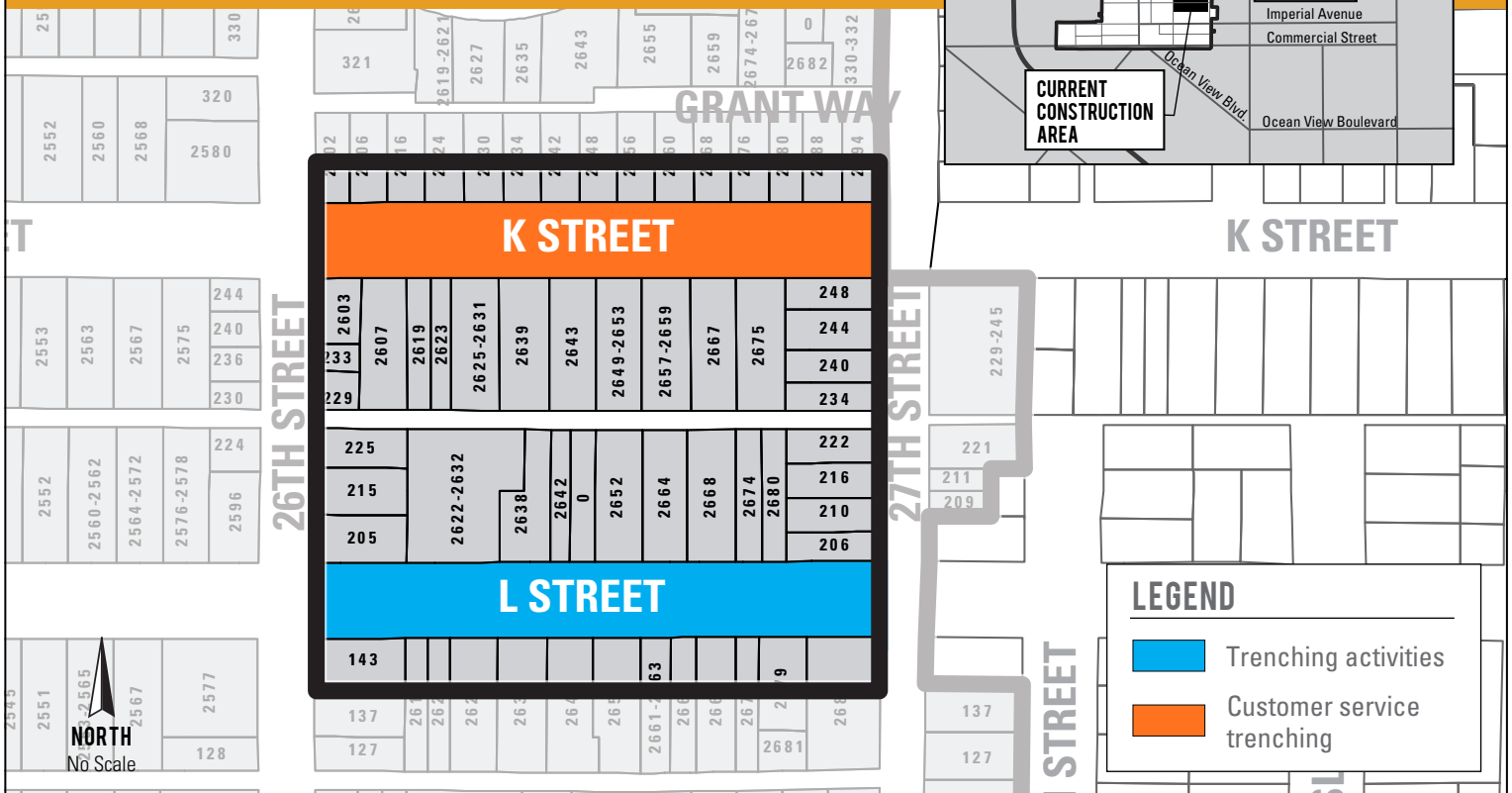
### PROJECT BLOCK 8F CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PHASES

- Construction start: October 2009
- Panel and trench work: Oct. 2009 - Aug. 2011
- Cabling, cut-overs and streetlights: Sep. 2011 - Jun. 2012
- Overhead line removal: Summer 2012
- Street resurfacing: 2013

### PROJECT BLOCK 8F CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Trenching activities - K Street and L Street

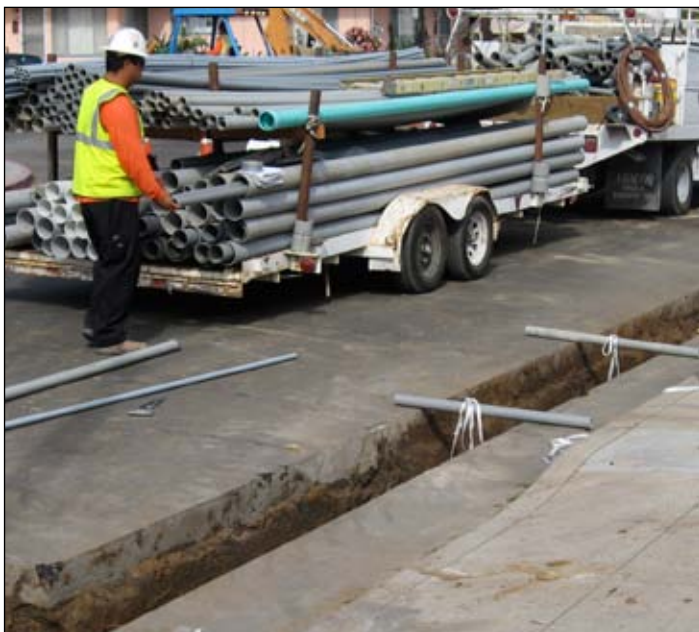
### CURRENT CONSTRUCTION AREA MAP: SHERMAN HEIGHTS



## PANEL AND TRENCHING ACTIVITIES

**Panel work by Southern Contracting is now complete.** Panel work is when electricians prepare the electrical panel at your home to receive underground service. If you have any questions or concerns about the work, please do not hesitate to contact the electrical contractor.

You have likely seen trenching work in the streets. **To date, our contractor is approximately 75% completed with the trench work.** We ask for your patience as they complete this work, as it can be disruptive and distracting. Approximately two weeks prior to the start of the trench work on your property and in the street, you will receive a door hanger with the trenching contractor's name and phone number on it. If you have any questions or concerns about the work, please do not hesitate to contact the contractor.



*Crew member installs new underground conduits in open trench.*

## CABLING AND CUT-OVER ACTIVITIES

After all trenching operations have been completed by our contractor, the cabling portion of the work will begin. Another contractor will perform the cabling work. Cabling involves technicians placing new utility lines in the new conduits, so that the new lines can be "energized" and brought into service. Once the new system has been energized, the process to "cut-over" customers from overhead to underground services will begin. We anticipate this process will move very swiftly and it's not nearly as disruptive or distracting as the trenching work, which is why you may not even see us working.

## CORRECTION NOTICES

**Currently, there are 50 residences in Job 1 and 83 residences in Job 2 that need to make corrections to their services or properties** in the 8F Project Block. Most of these corrections are minor and are the responsibility of the property owner. Corrections need to be completed before we can cut customers over to the new underground system. **Customers who are not cut-over to the new underground system risk loss of service when the overhead system is removed.**

If you need to make a correction to your property in order to pass final inspection, you will receive a door hanger or letter from a City of San Diego inspector. The door hanger and letter have a description of the correction needed. Most of these corrections are minor. Please do not delay in contacting the inspector whose name and phone number appear on these notices, so that the problem can be resolved.

## SAFETY

If you see anyone on your property that is not visibly wearing an identification badge, or if they are in a vehicle that is not marked with a contractor or utility company name, please call the Information Line at (619) 533-3841 or the San Diego Police Department. The construction crew must travel in marked vehicles and have proper identification at all times on the jobsite.

## CONTACT US

In the event that you are not satisfied or pleased with the work that was done on your property or your street, please let us know. **Please do not attempt to make corrections, adjustments or improvements yourself.** We promise to work with you on reaching a solution or creating an outcome that meets your needs and ours in this process. We will not be able to switch your services to the new underground system if any modifications were done to our work. If you are unsure about the status of the work that has taken place on your property or your street, contact us at:

- Information Line: (619) 533-3841
- Email: [undergrounding@sandiego.gov](mailto:undergrounding@sandiego.gov)

## UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM VIDEO

A video about the Utilities Undergrounding Program can be seen by visiting our web site at [www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding](http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding) and clicking on video. By watching it, you can see all the processes associated with our work and gain a better understanding of what is involved in completing those processes.

We thank you in advance for your patience and support while we complete the Utilities Undergrounding Program project in the Sherman Heights community.